

#8

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Douglas I. Lovison

Serial No.: 09/877,577

Filed: June 7, 2001

For: Hand Grip Exercise System



Group Art Unit: 3764

Examiner: Victor Kenny Hwang

Carlsbad, California

AMENDMENT OF APPLICATION AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Post Office Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RECEIVED

FEB 23 2005

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Sir:

This Amendment of Application and Reply to Office Action (the "Reply") is filed with respect to U.S. patent application no. 09/877,577 (the "Application"). This Reply is filed in part in reply to the Office Action mailed to Neil K. Nydegger, acting as attorney for Douglas I. Lovison ("Applicant"), on September 29, 2003. The Application was published on December 12, 2002, as Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0187883 (the "Published Application"). This Reply sets forth certain amendments to the Application, which are presented first below. In addition, and following these amendments, this Reply sets forth certain responses to the Office Action in the form of Remarks.

[The balance of this page has been left blank intentionally.]

02/18/2005 AWONDAF1 00000071 09877577

02 FC:2201

100.00 OP

Introductory Comments

1. Certain amendments are hereby made to the specification (the "Specification") of the Application. For example, the references to the rolling coefficient of friction in the Specification have been eliminated. In addition, the Specification has been amended to include a written description of the angle of the bend (or bow) of the crossbar illustrated in FIG. 2 of the Application. Certain amendments are also hereby made to the drawings of the Application. For example, FIG. 2 has been modified to show the angle of the bend (or bow) of the crossbar of the handgrip. This modification clarifies the angle of the bend (or bow) to which the specification is referring. Further, certain amendments are hereby made to the claims. For example, the claims have been amended so that they all generally refer to embodiments of the invention having a bow or bend in the crossbar of the hand grip. The amendments to the Application are discussed in greater detail in the Remarks section, below.

2. In addition, reply is hereby made to the Office Action. This reply is also contained in the Remarks section, below.

[The balance of this page has been left blank intentionally.]